

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: img.84.jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1200583.001

Medium: Computer Image File Printout

Distributor: Not stated

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Secretary for Internal Affairs

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 21 August 2012

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 20 August 2012

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer mage file printout is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The printout depicts a form of sexual sadism where an adult spansks a child for his or her own sexual gratification. It shows a man punishing a child with a large brush or paddle. The focus is on the young girl's bare buttocks and on the evidence of a spanking. The sexual nature of the image is likely to be evident to most viewers. The image invites viewers to be party to the exploitation shown for their own sexual pleasure. The availability of the material tends to encourage a sexual interest in children and perpetuate the incidence of sexually exploitive and abusive activities.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The

classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.